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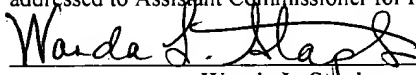
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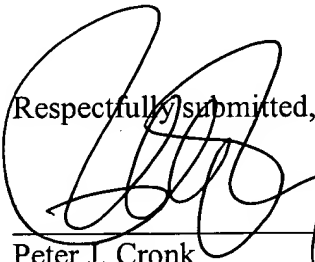
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

The following remarks are responsive to the Official Action dated August 30, 2002.

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-9 and 14-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 10-13 are cancelled.

Please substitute for pending claims 1-4 and 8-9, the claims having the same number set forth below. Claims 5-7 remain unchanged as set forth below. Please also add new claims 14-17.

1. (Amended) A reinforcement for cementitious boards comprising an open mesh of high modulus of elasticity fiber strands covered by an alkali-resistant thermoplastic material, wherein prior to formation of the open mesh said alkali-resistant thermoplastic material is

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